

Placement Statistics for the month of December, 2008

Out-of-home placement is the last option considered when reasonable efforts to protect a child in his or her own home have been exhausted by OCS. The first preference considered in all out-of-home placements for a child or youth is a relative's home. When it is not possible to place a child with a relative it is necessary to place the child in a licensed foster home. Residential care facilities may offer short-term emergency shelter as well as more long-term residential treatment.

Removal Statistics of children in Out-of-home placement for the month of December, 2008.

	Male	Female	Statewide
Count	20	19	39
Youngest	0	0	0
Oldest	16	16	16
Mean Age	5.1	5.6	5.3
Median Age	4.5	4.0	4.0

Discharge Statistics of children in Out-of-home placement for the month of December, 2008.

	Male	Female	Statewide
Count	6	9	15
Mean Age	8.7	13.4	11.5
Median Age	9.5	17.0	12.0
Minimum Placements	1	1	1
Maximum Placements	9	20	20
Mean Placements	3.0	5.1	4.3
Median Placements	1.0	3.0	2.0
Minimum Time	0	0	0
Maximum Time	1,783	2,090	2,090
Mean Time	530.5	645.6	599.5
Median Time	254.0	505.0	505.0

Mean is the arithmetic mean average, commonly referred to as the 'average'.

Median is the median average, containing the middle value. Half of the observations are less than this value, and half of the observations are greater than this value.

Placements are the number of times children in OCS Out of Home placement have changed homes.

Time in Care is measured in days.

Data Source: ORCA. Program used to tabulate statistics: monthlyreport.sas.

Data in this report is as of January 5, 2009. Subsequent reports with the same date parameter will contain up-dated statistics.

If you have any questions regarding this data please forward your inquiry to ocs@alaska.gov.